

COMMUNITY NEWS



BILL WASHBURN, of Elba, is shown with his three wheel-bike and sign advertising a personal campaign to raise more funds for Hurricane Katrina victims.

Washburn was with a local church group that went to the stricken area last month with food and other supplies immediately after the storm came ashore from the Gulf of Mexico.

His sign reminds all who will read it that "Elba Remembers". It lists the two dates when the Elba levee broke and the 1994 storm when a lot of people outside the Elba levee suffered damages.

Jacobs sisters almost went home again during recent trip

by Dollie Jacobs Moore

The four daughters of the late Bud and Jewel Jacobs of Danley Crossroads almost went home again!

Dot Jones and Dora Colquett of Opp, Annie (Bea) Kribs of Dallas, Texas, and Dollie Moore spent Aug. 23-24 in Elba at a local bed and breakfast. Their brother and his wife, Richard and Frances Jacobs of Elba, family members and friends visited during the week.

"After Mama died in 1989 and the family farm was sold later, Boots dreaded coming home," Dollie said. "She felt she had no one place to hang her hat. Ten years after Mama's death, she talked Dot, Dora and me into renting a beach front condo for a week."

After visiting with cousins and their families at the Tolbert Jacobs Reunion in August, the sisters would head for the beach. Each had a vacation away from home. Richard and Frances would come the first of the week.

The sisters ate a few times with Don Jones, a friend, realtor and Dot's nephew. Dora and Don's mother, Winola, were in the same class at Curtis and graduated from Elba High School in 1951.

For five years, the sisters made the beach trip, but circumstances brought them closer to home in 2005.

In the past, Dot had battled breast cancer, back surgeries and a hip replacement. But when Dora was diagnosed with stomach cancer and had surgery in Birmingham May 13, they dared not think about vacation. She began chemotherapy June 21, had radiation treatments June 23-July 29 and would possibly be on chemo through October.

Deciding Dora would do better if she were closer to home and her doctors, Dollie called the bed and breakfast in Elba. The owner was able to accommodate

and this allowed the sisters to be near Richard, who also had numerous health problems.

Boots, who had not spent much time at home when she visited, got excited about being together in Elba.

When Ethel (Bea) Horstead and her daughter, Carrie, visited on Friday, the sisters really felt at home.

"Bea and her family lived on our place for years," Dollie said. "They were there in 1966, when Daddy died. Bea even taught Mama to drive after Daddy died."

While at the bed and breakfast, the sisters stayed inside most of the time, visiting with friends and family members. They played games with Boots' friends, Janice (Crocker) McCall and Mary (Cowan) Taylor (the three were classmates at Curtis and finished school in Elba in 1958) and Joan Steel, her college roommate.

Richard and Frances came every day. Richard seemed content being with his sisters.

Frances took Boots to see the new schools and other sights in Elba. Mayor James Grimes didn't recognize Boots, his Curtis and EHS classmate, until Frances entered his office.

Before leaving the bed and breakfast, Betty Adkinson, who for many years owned and lived in the house before it became a B&B, came to visit.

It was wonderful to be back in Elba—just seven miles from our old home place, which incidentally seemed much closer than it did in the old days—1930-19601, the sisters said.

Note: Our vacation became even more special on September 9, 2005, when our only living brother, Richard, died in an Enterprise hospital. We thanked God for bringing us closer to each other, especially to Richard and Frances.



Enjoying their recent visit to the Elba area were sisters Dot, Boots, Dora and Dollie. They are the daughters of the late Bud and Jewel Jacobs.



Boots spends a memorable moment with her brother Richard. While the trip was special in many ways, the sisters were especially happy they were able to spend time with their brother before his passing on Sept. 9, 2005.

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During Elba City Council meeting

New garbage ordinance approved

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Monday evening the Elba City Council approved a new, revised garbage ordinance. An operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year was also adopted by the council. At the request of Mayor James Grimes the council approved an application for funding of Phase 2 of a multi-year Downtown Beautification project grant.

The garbage ordinance, which is being advertised in the legal section of The Elba Clipper for the next three weeks, sets out limits on trash pick-up and charges for that service. In addition the ordinance includes an increase in monthly garbage fees. \$8.00 residential fees will increase to \$12.00 per month, beginning with the utility bills received on November 1st. There is still a cost exemption for those who qualify financially. A reduced cost is also available for households with income above the "free" limit, but below \$8,500.00 a year.

Commercial garbage fees will be set according to the volume generated. \$18.00 commercial trash fees will increase to \$25.00 per month at the same time. There will be a \$5.00 fee for picking up a car and light truck tire in a residential area. Large tires and those in business areas will not be picked up.

The City will not be responsible for picking up construction or remodeling debris. Tree surgeons and landscape contractors must

remove all residue and rubbish resulting from their work.

The City of Elba budget projects an income of \$3,486,325.00, up by \$341,825.00 from the previous year. Garbage fees, financial institution fees, telephone franchise fees, and state trust funds are projected to increase. State and federal grants account for \$77,000 of the increase, cash on hand at the beginning of the year will be doubled, up from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The City also expects a \$116,000 reimbursement for city funds expended on the proposed Carl Folsom Airport expansion/upgrade.

Expenses such as insurance, payroll taxes and salaries are projected to increase in most, if not all, departments. Higher fuel costs were factored in midyear when council members amended the existing budget.

The Recreation Department budget actually dropped slightly due to a payroll decrease. Capital expenditures include \$100,000 for paving again this year; funds for a police computer upgrade, bulldozer upgrade and reworking the oldest trash pick-up vehicle.

Mayor Grimes noted that a budget is a guideline and road map, one which can be adjusted as needed throughout the year. He added, "I think we have a good budget."

The council approved an grant application for the 2nd phase of the Downtown Redevelopment project. This \$454,000 plan includes work on Davis to Claxton, Davis to old jail (Putnam) and from that point on Putnam to Claxton. The local match on this project will be \$120,000 of the total.

Grimes reported that the city has been approved for the first 2005 draw down on the airport expansion project. This will reimburse the cost of acquiring the trailer park, some appraisals, etc.

Grimes also told council members there is a need for a replacement member on the Elba Zoning Board of Adjustments. He asked for recommendations.

He also said that discussions were underway to modify the city's obligations with Coffee

Public Natural Gas Week set for Oct. 3-7

The Southeast Alabama Gas District will observe Public Natural Gas Week Oct. 3-7 along with hundreds of other natural gas systems across the nation.

Public Natural Gas Week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of public gas. Natural gas is among the cleanest and most affordable fuels available.

The employees and management of The Southeast Alabama Gas District are pleased and excited to participate in this important effort, said SEAGD president and CEO, James H. Smith.

The SEAGD will observe Public Natural Gas Week with an Open House at each of the company's three divisional offices, Dothan, Enterprise and Andalusia. In addition, smaller celebrations will take place at offices in Abbeville, Brundidge, Daleville, Elba, Eufaula, Greenville, Headland, Luverne, Opp, Ozark and Troy.

Open House will be held at the Abbeville, Dothan, Eufaula and Headland locations on Tuesday, Oct. 4. In Brundidge, Daleville, Enterprise, Ozark and Troy the open house activities will take place Wednesday, Oct. 5. Another day of celebration will take place on Thursday, Oct. 6, in Andalusia, Elba, Fort Deposit, Greenville, Luverne

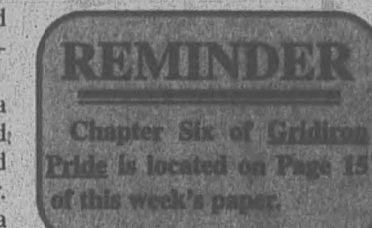
County EMS. According to the mayor, it would be premature to discuss what was being considered at this time, but he expected an announcement in the near future.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported the department had been busy, but it was routing business.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that the road restriping has been completed at the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and Tiger Drive, "and it looks nice," he added.

The walking trail on the levees is still in the hands of the contractor, who is not completed with his work, Grantham explained. According to the clerk that is why the trail is not being maintained up to the City's standards.

Council members received copies of a letter from Charter Cable indicating "some price adjustments" will begin appearing on bills effective with the November billings. Expanded Basic will increase \$2.00 per month. Other packages will also increase.



Local children enjoy annual Farm City Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The farm came to town earlier this week when the annual Coffee County Farm City Petting Zoo/Agricultural Exhibits took up residence at the



THIS LITTLE CHICK...The chick exhibit remains a favorite at the petting zoo. Those attending really seem to enjoy holding the small birds in their hands.



ELBA MAYOR JAMES GRIMES (seated) signed a proclamation Monday, Sept. 26, recognizing the week of Oct. 3-7 as Public Natural Gas Week in Elba. Grimes was joined by Randy Castleberry, sales and installation supervisor of the Southeast Alabama Gas District, for the signing of the proclamation.

farm center in New Brockton.

The annual event is designed to give young students and children an opportunity to see the many different things involved with the agricultural world.

The petting zoo was held Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Wednesday, Sept. 28, and Coffee County Extension coordinator Stan Windham said the event organizers try to have things that represent the county available for the children to see. In Coffee County, he said that can be a lot of different things.

One good thing about the petting zoo, Windham said the locals really get involved and help make it a success year in and year out.

Windham said the event was expected to draw more than 900 youngsters this year including kindergarten students from the

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Community Health Fair and Business Expo set for Saturday in Elba

A Community Health Fair and Business Expo, sponsored by Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home and the Elba Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., on the Courthouse Square in Elba.

There will be activities for all ages including free screenings for diabetes (high blood sugar), elevated cholesterol, and hypertension. Information will be provided on many topics including nutrition, health and fitness, home care, animal safety, injury

prevention, disaster preparedness, breast and cervical cancer, the ALLKids health insurance program, and more.

The American Red Cross will also be onsite for a community blood drive. Blood supplies are critically low related to recent hurricane damage. Please bring a photo ID or a blood donor card if planning to donate blood.

Many local businesses will be setting up displays on the square and providing community residents with an overview of the products and services they provide. Some businesses will be providing snacks for sampling and other sample items from their places of business.

Activities for children will include a spacewalk, face painting, cotton candy and games. Children will also have the opportunity to be fingerprinted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department.

The City of Elba Police Department will be available to provide DARE information. The Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS will be in attendance to talk with adults and children about their response to emergencies.

The City of Elba Electric Department employees will be demonstrating how electricity travels to our homes.

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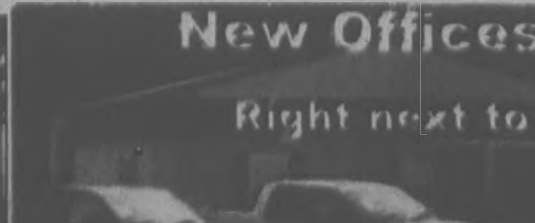
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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Fred Hawkins of Luverne rushed for 303 yards and five touchdowns (13, 8, 52, 14 and 76 yards) in a 42-39 win over Elba last Friday night. That is another of those news flashes from the state athletic association we were bothered about several weeks ago. For the teenager, a person has to salute his achievements; as an opponent of the "home boys" it is an achievement that is not readily received.

Management (or decision making) of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana leaders has come under attack more and more as the shock and mistakes of Hurricane Katrina sinks in. This week the recently resigned head of FEMA Michael Brown, was testifying on Capitol Hill and went so far as to use the word - dysfunctional - in describing the Mayor of New Orleans and Governor of Louisiana.

Just as we were writing this column an e-mail arrived from a lawyer off in some Northern state. He got our e-mail address from another lawyer who is always full of . . . well, jokes. It was titled: *Roe v. Wade*. It seems the mayor of New Orleans was asked his opinion of Roe v. Wade. He quickly responded that he didn't care how people got out of the flooded city. We often wonder who has time or the ability to sit around and think up all these things.

It is not unusual, actually a frequent occurrence, for items put out for the trash truck to be picked up by other citizens. This can be good, especially if the item is still useable. However this weekend someone got a terrible disappointment after grabbing up an old microwave that had been put out beside the street at our house. The unit was discarded because it didn't work and repairs would cost more than a brand new unit.

Several resident experts have told us that this cycle of the lovebug infestation will be gone after this week. That sounds so good we really want to believe it, but are afraid of a possible let down when they are still around next week. That has already happened once this month. About a week and a half ago we came to work one morning and there were hundreds and hundreds of them lying around dead on the sidewalk and window sill at the office. To our simple mind that was a clue that their life cycle was coming to an end and fast. It was not to be, as any South Alabama citizen will attest. In fact while driving from Mobile to Elba about midday Monday the infestation reached a high point. Twice stops were made to clean the windshield, just to see the road. Dozens of other drivers were doing the same thing. It was some better after getting off the interstate, as speeds were a bit slower, but the "80% off" things were still hanging around, right in front of our vehicle.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 19, 2005, investigated the following incidents: four for domestic violence, one criminal trespassing, one trailer fire, one menacing, one family dispute, one assault, two for harassment, one for theft of property, two for burglary and one collision with an unattended vehicle.

The following arrests were made: two for receiving stolen property, one for burglary, one for criminal mischief, one for unlawful imprisonment and one for theft of property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for speeding, one for a suspended driver's license, one for no proof of insurance and one for an open container.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, SEPT. 19 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 671 Mullins Circle (1:14 a.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 - Domestic disturbance reported at 1891 Martin Luther King Dr. (6:28 p.m.); Two-vehicle accident reported on Caroline St. (8:19 p.m.); Possible fight in progress reported at Beaver Dam Apts. (8:46 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Beaver Dam Trailer Court (10:20 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 211 Plant Ave. (2:49 a.m.); River stage - 6.00 feet (7:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 608 Mullins Circle (11:51 a.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 - River

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Students were able to feel the texture of cotton during this year's Coffee County Farm City petting zoo/agricultural exhibits.

ZOO

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public schools along with several private groups. While the animals continue to be an exciting part of the petting zoo for the students, Windham said the agricultural exhibits also provide great information. Added to the exhibits this year were vegetables and ornamental crops. Students also were shown the procedure of a cotton gin.

Local high school FFA groups also get in on the action with the Enterprise FFA presenting a puppet show and the New Brockton FFA students led groups through the petting zoo. Windham encouraged any daycare or group that might want to participate with next year's petting zoo to contact the extension office during the summer and get on the schedule. The petting zoo/agricultural exhibits are only one of many

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Gospel Meeting

Lesson Topics:

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- Nothing But Leaves
- Paul: Inspired of God
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Elba High School's Class
of 1975 planning reunion

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For more information contact Susan Nun at 334-494-0507 or Steve Williams at 897-5914.

MILDRED M. MANRING MORRELL

Mrs. Mildred M. Manring Morrell, age 93, of New Brockton, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 24, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. John Hunt and Rev. Kevin Bond officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her daughter: Helen Moore, Andalusia, Ala.; her son: Fred Gamble, New Brockton; nine grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 35 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

FANNIE MAE BANDIE

Mrs. Fannie Mae Bandie, age 88, of Lithonia, Ga., formerly of Elba, Ala., died Aug. 30, 2005.

Ms. Bandie was preceded in death by her brothers, C.L. and George Bandie; a daughter, Gladys Gulley, and a son, William Thornton.

Survivors include, Sherrie (Jesse) Caldwell, Mac Adams, Ruby (Maurice) Turner, all of Lithonia, Ga.; Tommy (Annette) Adams, Decatur, Ga.; Joyce Collins, Bloomfield, Df. Fred (Maxine) Adams, South Windsor, CT; Bettye Washington, Los Angeles, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

CONNIE B. FLEMING

Mrs. Connie B. Fleming, age 86, of Coffee County, Ala., died Sept. 21, 2005 at Enterprise Nursing Home, Enterprise, Ala. Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2005 at New AME Church with Rev. L. Lloyd officiating. Burial followed at New Zion AME Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Fleming was preceded in death by his wife, Massie Lee Fleming; three brothers and three sisters: Emmanuel Fleming, Bishop (University) Fleming, A.L. (Annie Bell) Fleming, Selma (Willie) Williams, Lonie (J.D.) Vickers, and Bertha (Homer) Weeks. Survivors include one son: Connie B. Fleming Jr., of Florida; two nephews and one niece.

RANDALL LEE

Mr. Randall Lee, age 52, of Jack, Ala., died Sept. 22, 2005 at

his home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 25, 2005 at Dillard Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. Ray Stinson officiating. Burial followed at Springhill Cemetery. Survivors include: his mother: Marion Lee, Jack; and a sister: Rebecca Berger, Meriden, CT.

KATHERINE INEZ BOOTHE

Mrs. Katherine Inez Boothe, age 71, of Brantley, Ala., died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005 at her residence in Brantley.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Elbert Smith and Rev. Lloyd Hodge officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Comm. Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include two sons: Don Boothe and Chris Boothe; one daughter-in-law: Teresa Boothe; one daughter: Rachelle

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The Wanderer

On September 26, 1820, eighty-five year old Daniel Boone rested comfortably on a bed in the remote community of Femme Orange in the Missouri Territory. He was dying. Surrounding him were his son Nathan, Nathan's wife Olive, and many of their fourteen children. While family members trimmed his hair, shaved him, and brushed his teeth, Daniel rested. Seven years earlier his wife Rebecca, with whom he had lived for nearly sixty years, had died. Daniel hoped they would soon be reunited. Lying on the bed as his life slowly slipped away, Daniel could reflect upon a lifetime of accomplishments.

Growing up in Pennsylvania, his Quaker parents and neighbors were friendly with the local Delaware Indians. Daniel came to know them well. As the fourth son of Squire and Sarah Boone, he helped with the family farm. From the age of ten until they moved to North Carolina five years later, Daniel was responsible for the family's cattle. Spending his days guarding the grazing herd, the young Boone had an opportunity to develop the woodman's skills, which he used for the rest of his life.

In North Carolina, he honed the skills he had developed in Pennsylvania. Before finishing his teens Daniel was an accomplished hunter who loved nothing better than to go on "long hunts" that lasted for months.

Daniel could remember his most famous long hunt, the one that made him a worldwide celebrity. As he had said in his book:

"It was on the first of May, in the year 1769, that I resigned my domestic happiness for a time, and left my family and peaceable habitation on the Yadkin River, in North Carolina, to wander through the wilderness of America, in quest of the country of Kentucky."

He had wandered for two years, finding Kentucky and spending over a year exploring its woods, streams, and rivers. When he returned to North Carolina it took four years for his family to migrate to Kentucky, where they founded the town of Boonesborough. During his quarter century in Kentucky, Daniel served two terms in the Virginia legislature (although called the Kentucky District, it was part of Virginia until becoming the fifteenth state in 1792).

The Adventures of Col. Daniel Boone, containing a narrative of the War of Kentucky. This purported autobiography first appeared as an appendix to a 1784 book written by John Filson (Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucky). Although Boone later swore that every word was true, Filson actually wrote it to draw settlers to land he owned in Kentucky. Its popularity established Boone's reputation as the classic American frontiersman.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/bd8ix>

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission prepared this resource. It includes information about Daniel's childhood, his ancestors, the connection between the homestead and Benjamin Franklin, and a short biography of the frontiersman.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/2qz93>

Daniel Boone Homestead

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission prepared this resource. It includes information about Daniel's childhood, his ancestors, the connection between the homestead and Benjamin Franklin, and a short biography of the frontiersman.

Web Address: <http://tinyurl.com/b340n>

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

On September 30, 1938, British Prime Minister stood before the steps of his residence and spoke to the British people. He said: "My good friends, for the second time in our history, a German invader has returned from Germany bringing peace with honour. I believe it is peace for our time. Go home and get a nice quiet sleep. Less than a year later, World War II began when Germany invaded Poland. Who was the British Prime Minister?"

Do you need to find the answer, or want to get more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/dlv7k>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Our neighbor to the north, Canada, has two official languages: English and French. Most of its French citizens live in the province of Quebec. In 1976, Quebec voters chose a government led by Rene Levesque. They hoped to make Quebec an independent country. Since then, the province has had two referendums to decide whether Quebec should leave Canada.

Find out more about Levesque and his dream of a French nation in North America at <http://tinyurl.com/95q6g>

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Melanie Mularz &
Shawanna Wright

by Shawanna Whitfield

This week's teacher spotlight highlights **Ashley Meadows**.

Ms. Meadows has a 5-year-old son named Blake Meadows. She has been teaching for seven years at different schools including Luverne High School, Auburn University, and Headland High School.

At Luverne she taught Spanish, at Auburn University French, and at Headland Spanish and English.

Some interesting facts about her is her ability to speak three different languages which are Spanish, French and English. She also lived in France and Spain for three months.

Her current position at Elba High School is teaching Spanish I and II and seventh grade English. She is also the Spanish club and freshmen class sponsor.

Her first impression of Elba High was the very friendly staff and students, and the fantastic facility. Her favorite part about working at Elba High is the friendly working atmosphere and the pep-rallies.

Elba High School juniors selected for CCYL

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program has once again selected its new group for the upcoming year.

The CCYL is a program designed to provide young leaders of our county with an inside view to many areas of important to our region such as agriculture, government, military as well as health and wellness. The participants must be juniors in high school, and they must sign up and go through a series of events in which they are steadily narrowed down to a select few.

The first event was for them to fill out the proper information given, create an autobiography of themselves, and to write an essay about a leader who has impacted their lives. The autobiography was to be done in a way that best expresses that individual student.

The few that were chosen in this round went on to an interview round.

Elba had 13 students to advance to the interview round and eight students who advanced past that round. These students are Brian Blair, Clara Burrows, Katie Cash, Whitney Kilcrease, Lauren Melung, Ryan McCollough, Melanie Mularz and Haley Stinson.



Coffee County Youth Leadership students from Elba High include (front, left to right) Haley Stinson, Brian Blair, Whitney Kilcrease, Ryan McCollough and Lauren Melung; (back, left to right) Katie Cash, Clara Burrows and Melanie Mularz.

by Christina Bryant

This summer while many students were enjoying time at home, a few students from Elba High gave up their precious time to make some quick cash. These students had to go through a rigorous, two-week long training where they had to

learn first aid, CPR and life-guard skills. Throughout the summer, these students spent their days overseeing the youngsters who visited the city pool to enjoy the cool waters and to make sure that everyone's visit was safe and enjoyable.

These teens even gave up some Friday and Saturday nights to make sure everything was secure for partygoers who wanted to escape summer's heat.

These students are only a few of the hardworking teenagers at EHS that we hope to feature in the coming weeks as we look at students who are not able to coop but who still spend their "extra" time contributing to the community.

Senior Beta holds first meeting
by La'Ray Williams

The first Senior Beta meeting was held Wednesday, Sept. 14. The meeting began with president Kayla Kelley introducing the 2005-06 officers.

Officers elected were Ashley Waddell, vice-president; Kendall Stinson, secretary; Teri Brooks, treasurer; La'Ray Williams, reporter; Gale Olson and Sydney Brunson, historians; and Shawanna Wright, fundraiser and the ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army.

Shawanna Wright talked about Homecoming and set up a committee to handle the duties of getting ready for the upcoming events.

In conclusion, Kayla Kelley talked about the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser and the ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army.

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After graduation, he plans to attend Ole Miss or the University of Alabama.

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Senior Beta holds first meeting
by La'Ray Williams

The first Senior Beta meeting was held Wednesday, Sept. 14. The meeting began with president Kayla Kelley introducing the 2005-06 officers.

Officers elected were Ashley Waddell, vice-president; Kendall Stinson, secretary; Teri Brooks, treasurer; La'Ray Williams, reporter; Gale Olson and Sydney Brunson, historians; and Shawanna Wright, fundraiser and the ringing of the bell for the Salvation Army.

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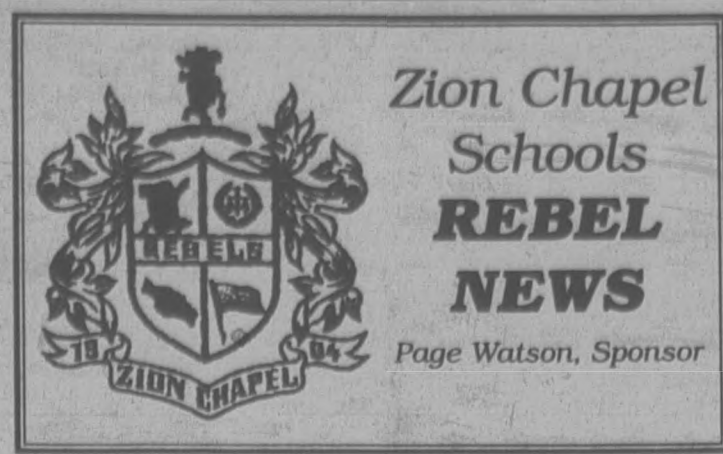
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ZCCLC Schedule for October 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 10th School Out Columbus Day	Oct. 11th 4:00 K-1 Computer 4:30 2-3rd Computer 4:15 4-5th Dance Ed. Bd. Games (boys) 4:15 6-7-8th AIM	Oct. 12th 3:30 K-1 Nutrition 3:15 2-3 Dance 4:15 4-5 girls Cheerastics 4:15 boys Nutrition	Oct. 13th, Oct. 20th & Oct. 27th 3:00-4:00 K-3 Karate 3:30 2-3 Nutrition 4:00 4-8th Karate 4:00 Girl Scouts - all ages 4:15 4-5 Outside activity or computer 4:15 6-8 Dance girls 4:15 6-8 boys computer	Oct. 14th Fabulous Fun Day! 3:15 K-1 Dance 4:00 K-1 Computer 4:30 2-3 Computer Movie, art activity or outside activity
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ZC holds coin drive in honor of Austin Smith

Austin Kyle Smith, a former student at Zion Chapel High School, was in a fatal car accident on Aug. 18, 2005.

Austin was a three-star athlete and leader to many peers in Jack. He was attending Enterprise-Ozark Community College where he walked on to the baseball team.

A scholarship fund has been established in memory of Austin at EOCC, and Zion Chapel Schools would like to make a contribution to this fund so that others may have the opportunity to attend EOCC.

Zion Chapel has been sponsoring a coin drive to raise money for this fund. The coin drive has been ongoing through the weeks of Sept. 12th - Sept. 30th.

Everyone is encouraged to show their support for this drive. The school's goal is \$1,000.

For those wishing to contribute, checks can be made payable to The Austin Smith Scholarship Fund.

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Senior Beta Club officers include: (front, left to right) Shawanna Wright, Sydney Brunson, Teri Brooks, Kayla Kelley, Ashley Waddell, Kendall Stinson, Gale Olson; and (back) La'Ray Williams.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL HOME COMING PARADE
Everyone is urged to participate in Elba High School's annual homecoming parade. The parade will be Friday afternoon, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. Awards will be given in three categories:
Only entries listed in the official line-up will be in competition. Call Elba High School at 897-2266 for further information or to submit a parade entry. The deadline for entering is 12 noon, Thursday, Oct. 13. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school. Everyone should lineup between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Junior Beta Club offers support

by Kayla Kelley
On Wednesday, Sept. 14, the Elba High School Junior Beta Club held its first meeting of the school year.

The club elected officers for this year and they are as follows: Michael Spurlin, president; Bradley Wilson, vice-president; and Robyn Hudson, secretary.

Several community service projects were discussed at this meeting. The club is currently supporting the Elba Elementary School's hurricane relief drive by purchasing items for a hurricane bucket and a health kit. Work shirts and canned foods have also been donated to the hurricane victims.

Stuffed animals have been donated to the Wiregrass Child Advocacy Center. Junior Beta also plans to volunteer at the Fall Festival and sponsor a child for Christmas through the Coffee County Department of Human Resources.

Sponsor Karen Davis said, "The club must have at least one fundraiser this school year to successfully achieve our goal of purchasing diaper changing stations for the football stadium and the gymnasium."

The Elba High School Junior Beta Club has many objectives in mind to help others, and with their determined sponsor and officers, their goal will be accomplished.

Junior Beta Club officers include: (left to right) Michael Spurlin, Bradley Wilson and Robyn Hudson.

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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

This 'ole Dad was a happy man last Friday as Melissa was home from college and rode to the game with me, then after the game Melanie rode home with us and we all stopped for a snack and talked about the game, school and everyone's plans for the weekend. The rest of the weekend wasn't quite as good as the girls spent Saturday afternoon shopping, I lost the battle to love bugs and the rain at a youth football game and by the time I got back Melissa had already left. Oh well, it was fun while it lasted and I will make certain it happens again, real soon!

TIGERS OUTSCORED IN LOSS TO LUVERNE

The Elba Tigers scored the first touchdown of the game Friday night and also scored the game's last two touchdowns. Unfortunately for the Tigers and their fans Luverne scored a whole bunch of points in between and at the final horn Elba found itself on the short end of a 42-39 decision. Elba rolled up over 400 yards in total offense in the game and showed once again it could score from anywhere on the field at any time, but it also suffered an interception that was returned for a touchdown and lost a fumble that led to another Luverne score. The Tigers have a "high risk" offense that puts a lot of pressure on their opponents, but also puts pressure on the Tigers to perform at a very high level, and often times leads to turnovers. It is fun to watch and we all expect the Tigers to score on every possession, which isn't fair to the players or coaches. Over on defense the Tigers allowed over 400 yards in total offense and did little but watch as one Luverne back scorched the defense for 301 yards and five touchdowns. The defense has allowed an average of over 30 points a game this season, and in the Tigers three losses that average has ballooned to almost 41 points a game. The Elba coaches have made a lot of personnel changes over the course of the season on defense in an attempt to make it more solid and it seems like very little has improved. Maybe its time to make changes to the defensive schemes.

AREA TEAMS ENJOY WEEK ON THE GRIDIRON

The fifth week of the high school football season is in the books and for teams in the area it was a winning week as three teams won and the other lost. Here's a quick look back....

*** New Brockton (4-1) - The Gamecocks continued their dominance on defense and did just what it took on offense to get past Pleasant Home 27-0. The Gamecock defense has allowed only 14 points all season, and since the first quarter of the opening game of the year has not allowed a single point to be scored during regulation play. If New Brockton can get settled in on offense this could very well be a year for the record books for the high-powered Gamecocks.

*** Brantley (4-1) - The Bulldogs posted their fourth straight win with a 30-19 victory over Highland Home that wasn't as close as the score might make one think. The Bulldogs were expected to have a hard time with their undefeated county rivals, but took charge early on and met every challenge in posting the big win. Brantley is still doing some tinkering on offense and defense, and so far it seems like the offense has worked. Could the best be yet?

*** Zion Chapel (2-3) - The Rebels made the trip out to

Montgomery and unleashed its running attack in a 35-24 win over St. Jude. The Rebels ran the football 57 times in the game and gained almost 350 yards, and kept the Pirates honest with a halfback pass that went for a touchdown. The coaches up at Zion Chapel have the philosophy games are won at the line of scrimmage and for the Rebels that idea has worked wonders against many of their opponents.

*** Kinston (2-3) - The Bulldogs went down to Samson to meet the winless Tigers and while the fans were convinced of a big Bulldogs win, the players apparently weren't as confident as they seemed intimidated at times in a surprising 41-26 loss. Years ago it seemed Kinston would lose a game or two every year just because it didn't "believe" it could win, and last week that old fear reared its ugly head once again. If the Bulldogs will believe they can win, the wins will come.

WEEK #5 PROVES INTERESTING FOR FANS

The high school football regular season reached its midway points last Friday night and it was a very interesting night for state prep fans all across the state. Here's why....

*** Top-ranked Dothan saw its 27-game winning streak snapped in a 39-28 loss to Tuscaloosa County and after the game the Bucs' coach declared his team was over-rated and was lucky to not have lost three games already this season. He may be right, but the folks over at County High have to feel like they have a shot at winning it all after going 5-0 on the season.

*** Jeff Davis got a 1-0 win over B.C. Rain in a forfeit and while the Vols wanted to play the game I am sure they will take the win and enjoy the week off. Word out of Montgomery is the Mobile school will be fined and placed on probation for refusing to play, but after all the postponements due to the hurricane I am sure the B.C. Rain coaches simply felt a little time off would be worth the consequences.

*** Greenville slipped to 0-5 on the season and it looks like former Elba High principal Mike Williams and his Tigers are taking their lumps. The once-proud program began to slip a few years back and when Coach Williams came in just weeks before the season began few thought he would be able to turn it around. I could be wrong, but I believe if Coach Williams hangs around things will get much better very quickly.

*** Carroll won the "Battle of Dale County" with a 32-22 victory over Daleville and maybe Coach Ronnie Cottrell and his Eagles have settled down after their last start and stunning loss last week to Russell County. It will take more than one season and more than one or two big wins to get things turned around at Carroll, but at least things are back on track.

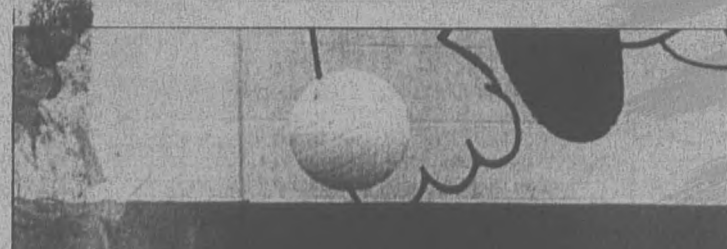
*** Dothan and Northview both won last week, which is something that hasn't happened very often in recent years over at the Circle City. The Tigers claimed a wild 41-35 triple overtime win over Ft. Walton, while the Cougars handed Selma a 22-8 setback. I am sure the football fans over in Dothan hope the wins mean better days are ahead.

*** Enterprise needed overtime to get past Charles Henderson 14-7 and the close call should serve as a wake-up call for the Wildcats. The 'Cats have been the talk of the town this season and moved into the 6A poll after opening with four easy wins. However, last week the Wildcats found out once again that the scoreboard reads 0-0 the kickoff of every game and what a team did last week means nothing.

*** Opelika remained undefeated with a 67-6 win over Robert E. Lee and it looks like Coach Spence McCracken and his Bulldogs are on the hunt for a state title. For Lee it marked the second time in three weeks the Generals had set a record for margin of defeat and maybe that 'lame duck' was right last week when he stated the Generals were awful.

Defeat New Brockton and Enterprise

Lady Tigers sweep past county rivals



The Elba Lady Tigers hit the volleyball court three times last week and sandwiched a loss to Providence Christian with wins over county rivals New Brockton and Enterprise to improve their record to 9-8 on the season.

The Lady Tigers opened the week's action on Monday in New Brockton and rolled to a big 25-5, 25-5 and 25-8 win over the Lady Gamecocks. Melanie Mularz recorded 26 service points, including 13 in a row in one win, served 10 aces and had 5 kills to lead Elba to the win, while Ashleigh Waddall also added 5 kills and Kendall Stinson and Anna Petty both had 6 assists.

The Lady Tigers traveled to Dothan Tuesday afternoon and fell to Providence Christian 26-24, 21-25, 22-25 and 19-25. Whitney Lawford recorded 19 service points, including 5 aces, to lead the Lady Tigers, while Anna Petty added 15 service points and 7 assists and Melanie Mularz added 14 service points and 4 aces. Ashleigh Waddall had 10 kills, while Kendall Stinson had 8 assists. Jenae Wilson had 3 blocks and LeAnna Henderson and April Price both had 2 blocks.

The Lady Tigers hosted Enterprise on Thursday afternoon and surprised the 6A Lady Wildcats by winning 17-25, 25-11, 28-26 and 25-17. April Price recorded 25 service points, including 6 aces, had 5 digs and 2 blocks to lead the Lady Tigers, while Melanie Mularz added 7 kills and 5 digs. Anna Petty had 7 service aces and 12 assists,

while Whitney Lawford recorded 21 service points, Ashleigh Waddall had 10 kills, Kendall Stinson had 12 assists and Jenae Wilson had 2 blocks.

"The win over New Brockton was a big win Monday afternoon," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, "while on Tuesday we played a great match, but not quite great enough and we did many things right at times and many things wrong at other times. The win over Enterprise was truly an awesome match. The team stated how wonderful it felt to beat a 6A school and Elba really made history in its gym last Thursday night. These girls are great, are very coachable and are beginning to learn what winning is all about."

The Lady Tiger Junior Varsity dropped its opener to New Brockton 16-25 and 20-25, with Kayla Kyser and LeAnna Bryant leading the team in serves. The JV also lost on Tuesday afternoon to Providence Christian 23-25, 25-13 and 8-25, with the top servers being Kayla Kyser with 14 and Ciara Burrows with 11.

The Junior High Lady Tigers won over Providence Christian 25-19 and 25-9, with the top servers being Jenae Carnley with 13, Megan King with 10 and Taylor Creel with 8.

This weekend the Lady Tigers will compete in the Providence Christian Volleyball Tournament, along with 6A Dothan, 6A Enterprise, Kinston and Providence. Action on Saturday morning will tip off at 9:00 AM.

LADY TIGER VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Sept. 29
Elba at Andalusia JV-V 4:00
Monday, Oct. 3
Elba at Zion Chapel JV-V 4:00
Tuesday, Oct. 4
Samson at Elba JV-V 4:00

*** Pike County took no prisoners in a 77-0 romp past Bullock County and held the lowly Hornets to minus 43 yards in total offense. The Bulldogs have been running up some big scores on its victims this season and with only around twenty players on the roster cannot really pull off the 'Dogs unless they punt on first down or take a knee. There is no doubt these Bulldogs are dangerous.

*** Straughn made it look easy with a 35-7 win over Opp and all of the sudden it looks like the Tigers have settled down and are ready to make a run in the playoffs. The Tigers started slow and many thought it was payback time, but now they are winning big and that means their opponents need to look out. As for the Bobcats, what was expected to be a banner season has turned into a nightmare.

*** T.R. Miller struggled to get past Andalusia 28-14 and even though the Tigers are off to a 5-0 start they have not been over-powering and have given their future opponents some hope that an upset may be possible. I know the Tigers don't really get serious until the playoffs, but I have a hunch this may be the year T.R. Miller bows out early.

*** and, Florala rolled over Red Level 33-7 in a game that I heard was marred by the fear the teams would fight if they shook hands after the contest. If a high school sporting event doesn't have sportsmanship maybe it shouldn't be played.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team posted wins over New Brockton and Enterprise last week to move its record to 9-8 on the season and after the win over the 6A Lady Wildcats Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades was almost as excited as she was years ago when she first won a state championship. Coach Rhoades and her team have had some ups and downs this season, but the win over Enterprise soothed a lot of wounds and gave the team a much needed shot of confidence.

*** The Elba Junior High Tigers upped their record to 3-0 last week with a win over New Brockton and it is great to see the Jr. Tigers get back on the winning track after a few very down years. Elba has outscored its opponents 58-8 in the three wins and the talk is about the team being physical at the line of scrimmage and in the backfield. One year won't put the program back on top, but it will certainly brighten the future of the entire football program at Elba High.

*** Alabama and Auburn both won last week, but neither team was all that impressive in the wins over less than outstanding opponents. Alabama's game came in between SEC sections with South Carolina and Florida and the Tide was expected to be a little flat. However, being flat had nothing to do with dropped passes and very questionable play calling. I will withhold judgment on Alabama until after this weekend. Auburn played its second straight automatic win and barely worked up a sweat against Western Kentucky. I know a win is a win and wins keep the alumni happy, but the last two weeks Auburn's fans had nothing to get excited about and many stated home.

*** The Major League baseball season is winding down and it looks like the Atlanta Braves will win their 14th straight division title. The Braves have been through a lot of injuries this season and have had to count on some youngsters to pull them through, and while that could mean trouble in the post-season, it could also mean those kids don't know they are supposed to be scared. Who knows?

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was swatting away love bugs when he came by the office over the weekend and said this year's batch of prep games will be a lot more exciting than last year's. He logged a 23-4 record last week and that his yearly totals improved to 114-24. The local guesspert was still swatting bugs as he left, but did leave this week's picks....

ELBA VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Pea River felines got run over by a runaway Tiger last week during their visit to Crenshaw County and this week will have to try and figure out how to slow down a couple of Lions from over near the Georgia line. The felines still remember last year's embarrassing loss to these same Lions and even though few people give them a chance, the hunch here is the felines still have a few lives left.

ELBA 29 HOUSTON COUNTY 27

NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The Gamecocks didn't lose a feather last week in another easy win and have been resting up for several weeks getting ready for this week's battle with an ornery bunch of Bears from over in Houston County. The Gamecocks will have their spurs sharpened and will be ready to attack, but the guess here is that they will lose more than just a few feathers in this week's region battle.

COTTONWOOD 16 NEW BROCKTON 7

ZION CHAPEL VS. GOSHEN

The Rebels will make the short march over to the woods of Pike County this week and will be hunting birds around night fall when they make camp. The birds have had problems getting off the ground for weeks and this week look for the Rebels to feast on the Pike County pigeons and then come home with a win.

ZION CHAPEL 32 GOSHEN 16

KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The Bulldogs from down near the county line will be back at home this week and better put double locks on their cages before the 'Dogs from across the river make it to town late Friday afternoon. Oh well, at least the hometown 'Dogs won't have far to go when the fourth quarter ends.

BRANTLEY 47 KINSTON 7

OTHER PICKS:

Ariton 54 McKenzie 0
Florala 49 Pleasant Home 7
Bayview 24 Flomaton 14
Wicksburg 28 Geneva County 21
Leroy 21 Georgiana 6
Highland Home 34 Lanett 12
Houston Academy 50 Samson 8
Luverne 47 G.W. Long 7
Pike County 55 Abbeville 0
Montgomery Academy 31 Barbour County 0
W.S. Neal 20 Dale County 8
Straughn 28 Headland 0
T.R. Miller 35 Slocumb 0
Andalusia 34 Jackson 14
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Rebooth 42 Bullock County 0
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SPORTS

Late rally falls short

Tigers outscored by Luverne 42-39

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps and Laura Baxley

The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall three points short Friday night in a wild 42-39 loss to the Luverne Tigers, at Glen Daniel Stadium in Luverne.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 2-3 on the season, while Luverne upped its record to 4-1 with the win.

Elba received the opening kickoff and for the second straight week wasted no time lighting up the scoreboard as LaRay Williams fielded the kick at the 10-yardline, cut outside near midfield and raced 90 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The extra-point sailed wide, but with only 15-seconds gone in the game Elba was already on top 6-0.

Luverne began its first possession at its own 39-yardline and needed five plays to cover the 61 yards to the endzone. An 18-yard pass from Ryan Brown to Jesse Dixon was a key play in the scoring drive, while Fred Hawkins did the rest as he gained 43 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 14-yard blast up the middle. The extra-point sailed low and with 9:20 remaining in the first quarter the two rivals were tied at 6-6.

Elba fumbled away the ensuing kickoff to set Luverne up at the Tigers' 40-yardline and this time it took Luverne nine plays to get back into the endzone. Justin Ray had a 12-yard run to help Luverne move down the field, while Fred Hawkins gained 25 yards on five carries and scored the touchdown on an 8-yard run. Hawkins also ran in the two-point conversion and with 4:18 left in the quarter Luverne was on top 14-6.



Elba Tiger defensive tackle Nick Nelson (50) chases down a Luverne runner for a short gain. This week the Tigers will host Houston County in a key region clash.

The Tigers put the ball in play at the Elba 38 to begin their next possession and quickly moved to a first down at the Luverne 30-yardline behind the running of Kikko Logan and a 10-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Stefan Burks. The potential scoring drive ended abruptly, however, as a Kelley screen pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage and then pulled in by Luverne's Jonathan Harris, who raced untouched 64 yards for Luverne's third score of the quarter. A two-point run failed, but with 2:16 still remaining in the first quarter Luverne appeared to be in command with a big 20-6 advantage.

Elba began its next possession at its own 39-yardline and got right back in the game as it marched 61 yards in seven plays to cut into the Luverne lead. A 15-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Mason Gulley on third down and nine kept the drive alive early, while a 33-yard pass from Kelley to LaRay Williams moved the Tigers inside the Luverne ten yardline. Stefan Burks scored the touchdown on an 8-yard run around the right end and even though the extra-point try was blocked, the Tigers had pulled within 20-12 with 10:43 remaining in the second quarter.

Elba linebacker Trey Davis intercepted a Luverne pass at the Tigers' 13-yardline to stop a Luverne drive on the game's ensuing offensive series, and the Elba offense responded by driving 87 yards in only five plays to get back into the endzone. A 37-yard keeper by Brandon Kelley on first down moved the ball out to midfield, while three plays later LaRay Williams took a late pitch from Kelley, side-stepped one defender and broke a tackle along the sidelines as he rambled 39 yards for a touchdown.

The Tigers got the ball back at their own 29-yardline after a Luverne punt and this time drove to a first down at the Luverne 17-yardline. Stefan Burks gained 28-yards on one carry and Kikko Logan added 25 yards on two carries to help the Tigers drive deep into Luverne territory, but the Tigers were backed up by a holding penalty and three plays later Kikko Logan added 57 yards on 9 carries and Stefan Burks gained 44 yards on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. LaRay Williams gained 42 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown, pulled in 3 passes for 56 yards and had a kickoff return for 164 yards and 1 touchdown. Mason Gulley led the Elba receivers with 5 catches for 122 yards and 1 touchdown.

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Luverne began its ensuing possession at its own 35-yardline and needed only four plays to stretch its lead. Ryan Brown gained 13 yards on two carries to help Luverne move the chains, while the score came on a 52-yard sprint down the sidelines by Fred Hawkins. Brown sneaked over for the two-point conversion as Luverne upped its lead to 28-18 with 4:39 left in the second quarter.

Elba lost a fumble at the Luverne 33-yardline on its next possession, but got the ball back at its own 29-yardline with 3:01 remaining on the clock after a punt and stunned Luverne by covering the 71 yards in only three plays to score on the final play of the half!

A 26-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Mason Gulley and an 18-yard connection from Kelley to Gulley moved the Tigers to the Luverne 28-yardline with 0:08 remaining, and on the final play of the half Kelley dropped back and lofted a pass deep to LaRay Williams. Williams fought for the ball with a Luverne defender and the ball popped out, and Elba receiver Frank Morris pulled in the deflection near the goal line and stepped into the endzone for a touchdown. Stefan Burks booted the extra-point and after two wild quarters of high school football, the teams went into the dressing rooms with Luverne clinging to a 28-25 lead.

Elba had two chances to take the lead early in the second half, but failed to score on its first two possessions of the third quarter. The Tigers got a break on the first snap of the quarter when Ryan McCollough recovered a Luverne fumble at the Luverne 36-yardline, but the Tigers lost six yards on the first play of the ensuing possession on a screen pass and then fell short of the needed yardage on a fourth down completion from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams.

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Luverne put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and used nine straight running plays and a key penalty against Elba to run out the clock as its held on and posted the wild 42-39 win.

Brandon Kelley gained 72 yards on 7 carries and completed 10 of 19 passes for 216 yards to spark the Elba offense, while Kikko Logan added 57 yards on 9 carries and Stefan Burks gained 44 yards on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. LaRay Williams gained 42 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown, pulled in 3 passes for 56 yards and had a kickoff return for 164 yards and 1 touchdown. Mason Gulley led the Elba receivers with 5 catches for 122 yards and 1 touchdown.

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Williams leaped high and appeared to out fight a Luverne defender to pull in a Brandon Kelley pass. However, after the two players came down the official near the play ruled the pass had been intercepted, and the Tigers came away empty-handed.

Luverne put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline after the interception and marched 80 yards in 10 plays to add to its lead. Ryan Brown hit on two passes for 18 yards during the long scoring drive, while Fred Hawkins gained 46 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 14-yard dash on the first play of the fourth quarter. Ryan Brown added the two-point conversion and with 11:53 remaining in the game Luverne's lead stood at 36-25.

Luverne got the ball back on an Elba punt and this time needed only two plays to cover 74 yards into the endzone as on second down Fred Hawkins burst through a huge hole at the line of scrimmage and raced 74 yards for a touchdown. A two-point run failed, but with 9:44 remaining on the clock Luverne had opened up a 42-25 advantage.

Elba began its next possession at the Luverne 22-yardline after a 43 yard kickoff return by LaRay Williams and needed only three plays to reach the endzone. The score came on an 11-yard run by Stefan Burks, and Burks also added the extra-point as Elba cut the Luverne lead to 42-32 with 8:16 still left on the clock.

Elba got the ball back at its own 21-yardline after a Luverne punt and this time needed only four plays to reach paydirt! A 15-yard pass on first down from Brandon Kelley to LaRay Williams got the Tigers headed goal ward, while two plays later Kelley fired a star across the middle to Mason Gulley and the speedy Tiger receiver turned on the jets and raced 68 yards for a touchdown. Burks booted the extra-point and with 4:56 left in the game the Tigers trailed only 42-39.

Luverne put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and used nine straight running plays and a key penalty against Elba to run out the clock as its held on and posted the wild 42-39 win.

Brandon Kelley gained 72 yards on 7 carries and completed 10 of 19 passes for 216 yards to spark the Elba offense, while Kikko Logan added 57 yards on 9 carries and Stefan Burks gained 44 yards on 4 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. LaRay Williams gained 42 yards on 4 carries and scored 1 touchdown, pulled in 3 passes for 56 yards and had a kickoff return for 164 yards and 1 touchdown. Mason Gulley led the Elba receivers with 5 catches for 122 yards and 1 touchdown.

Chase E. Boutwell made 10 tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Lewis Johnson and Matt Brunson both had 5 stops. Trey Davis had 3 tackles and an interception and Ryan McCollough had 3 stops and a fumble recovery.

Fred Hawkins gained 301 yards on 26 carries and scored 5 touchdowns to lead Luverne, while Ryan Brown added 40 yards on 7 carries and completed 6 of 10 passes for 48 yards.

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OFF AND RUNNING.... Elba's LaRay Williams (5) heads for the sidelines as he returns the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown in last week's 42-39 loss to Luverne. It marked the second straight week Williams returned the game's opening kickoff for a touchdown.



Elba Tiger defensive tackle Matt Brunson (45) wraps up a Luverne runner at the line of scrimmage in action last week. Brunson made 5 solo stops in the annual match-up between the long time rivals.



Elba Tiger wide-receiver Mason Gulley (6) pulls in a pass in action last week. Gulley caught 5 passes for 122 yards and one touchdown as the Tigers scored 39 points in the loss to Luverne.

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SPORTS

Claim second straight win

Rebels run past Pirates 35-24

Statistics and photos by Harry White

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Montgomery Friday night for a clash with the St. Jude Pirates and took command early and held on late to claim a big 35-24 road win.

The teams swapped turnovers on the game's first two offensive series, but the Rebels managed to find the handle on the football on their second possession and marched 55 yards in nine running plays to grab the early lead. Hunter Wise gained 30 yards on five carries to spark the scoring march, while Abe Childs added 19 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 9-yard keeper. Logan Camley kicked the extra-point and with 2:10 remaining in the first quarter Zion Chapel was on top 7-0.

Zion Chapel regained possession near midfield after another Pirate turnover and once again marched down the field for a touchdown. The second Rebel scoring drive covered 51 yards on 13 plays and once again Hunter Wise was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 28 yards on eight carries. Abe Childs added 20 yards on five carries and scored his second touchdown of the half on a one-yard sneak, and Logan Camley added the extra-point as the Rebels moved ahead 14-0 with 5:58 left in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel began its next possession at its own 45-yard line with 4:06 remaining in the half and beat the clock as the Rebels covered the distance in 11 plays to get back into the endzone. Abe Childs gained 27 yards on two carries to lead the Rebels on the ground, while the touchdown came when Kelsey Roberts lofted a 20-yard half-back pass to Logan Camley, who nailed the extra-point and with 2:22 remaining in the half Zion

Chapel was in complete command with a 21-0 lead. St. Jude's offense showed signs of life on its second possession of the third quarter and marched 51 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. The Pirate score came on a 45-yard pass from John Pasceley to Jerome Adams, and Pasceley hit Leonard Wallace on a two-point conversion and marched 52 yards in seven plays to regain command. A 9-yard pass completion from Abe Childs to Byron McWaters was a key play in the scoring march, while Hunter Wise gained 33 yards on four carries and scored the touchdown on a 7-yard run.

St. Jude was down, but the Pirates weren't about to quit and on the ensuing kickoff Charles Knight raced 80 yards for a touchdown. Pasceley passed to Cory Scheffeld for the two-point conversion, and with 9:03 remaining the Zion Chapel lead now stood at 28-16.

The Rebels needed a long drive to regain the momentum and after the ensuing kickoff marched 70 yards in 10 running plays and ate up almost five minutes off the clock as they scored their final points of the night. Hunter Wise got the call on the drive's nine plays and gained 64 yards, while Abe Childs scored his third touchdown of the game on a 6-yard dash. Logan Camley made it five for five with the extra-point and with 4:07 remaining the Rebels' lead was up to 35-16.

St. Jude wasn't finished and needed only three plays to get back into the endzone. John Pasceley hit on two straight passes for 41 yards to lead the Pirates down the field, while Charles Knight scored the touchdown on an 11-yard run and also ran in the two-point conversion as St. Jude cut the Zion Chapel lead to 35-24 with 2:54 still left on the clock. The Pirates recovered an on-side kick and returned the air in an attempt to score quickly, but this time the Rebel defense met the challenge and stopped



Rebel quarterback Abe Childs (4) had a big night as he rushed for 109 yards on 17 carries and scored 3 touchdowns in Zion Chapel's 35-24 win over St. Jude.

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The Pirates recovered an on-side kick and returned the air in an attempt to score quickly, but this time the Rebel defense met the challenge and stopped the Pirates on four plays to regain possession and ran out the clock to claim the 35-24 win. Hunter Wise gained 200 yards on 35 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Zion Chapel ground game, while Abe Childs added 109 yards on 17 carries and scored 3 touchdowns as the Rebels ran the ball 57 times for 342 yards. Kelsey Roberts added 25 yards on 2 carries and completed one pass for 20 yards and one touchdown.

SPORTS

Bulldogs post 30-19 win

Flying Squadron suffers crash landing at Brantley

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs ran their season record to 4-1 Friday night with a convincing 30-19 win over the previously undefeated Highland Home Flying Squadron.

The Bulldog defense dominated the Squadron's high-scoring offense by holding Highland Home to only 70 yards of total offense through the game's first two quarters, while on offense the Bulldogs rolled up 256 yards on the ground.

Brantley's first score of the night came on a 32-yard scamper around the left end by Chris

Booker. The run capped a five play drive that covered 64 yards, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 4:18 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldog defense set up the next Brantley score as Dexter Daniels recovered a Squadron fumble at the Highland Home 33-yardline.

The offense moved the chains only once after the turnover, but added to its lead when Marcus Owens drilled a 27-yard field-goal to give the Bulldogs a 10-0 lead with 11:46 remaining in the second quarter.

Highland Home's fans finally got a chance to cheer on the

ensuing kickoff when Jessie Wabb raced through the Bulldogs for 89 yards and a touchdown. Kyle Tucker added the extra-point and with 11:31 remaining in the half, the Brantley lead was down to 10-7.

Chris Booker got the Bulldog crowd right back in the game when he returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards to the Highland Home 11-yardline. A four-yard loss on first down was quickly forgotten when the Highland Home coach charged the field to argue what he felt was a missed call, and after a penalty against the coach the Bulldogs were back in business at the Highland Home 7. Two plays later James Pittman bulled over from a yard out and even though the extra-point was blocked the Bulldogs were back in charge with a 15-7 lead with 10:11 left in the half.

Brantley's James Pittman gave the Bulldogs the ball right back at their own 34-yardline after a pass interception, and after three rushes by Chris Booker the Bulldogs had the ball first down and ten at the Highland Home 18. Pittman got the call on the fourth play of the possession and responded with an 18-yard touchdown run, and while a muddled snap resulted in a missed extra-point try, Brantley's owned a 22-7 lead with 5:28 remaining in the second quarter.

Highland Home took the ensuing kickoff and with the aid of three penalties drove 59 yards in 12 plays. The touchdown came on a 13-yard run by Anthony Merrivether, while the two-point try failed, and with 1:10 remaining in the half Highland Home was right back in the game trailing only 22-13.

The Brantley defense held Highland Home to six yards on three running plays to open the second half and after a Squadron punt put the ball, 19



ALONG FOR THE RIDE... A Highland Home defender tries to drag down Brantley's Jeffery Daniels (10) in last week's 30-19 Bulldog win over the previously undefeated Flying Squadron. This week the Bulldogs will travel to Kingston for a region match-up with the Kingston Bulldogs.

Record slips to 2-3

Kinston KO'ed by Samson 41-26

By Scott Johnson
Photos by Mary Johnson

After giving up two early touchdowns the Kinston Bulldogs fought hard for all four quarters Friday night against the Samson Tigers, but they could never overtake the speedy Tigers and left the field with a loss as the Tigers held on for the 41-26 win.

Samson's Anthony Milligan returned the opening kickoff to the 31-yardline and tailback Chase Gilmore then picked up a pair of first downs as the Tigers crossed the midfield stripe. The Kinston defense appeared to regain its footing after the early runs, but on third down and ten Samson quarterback Barney McCrummen hit Joshawn Millasp for a 39-yard completion down the left sideline to move the Tigers down close. Gilmore scored on a 5-yard dash and Samson grabbed an early 6-0 lead.

Kinston's Jonathon Edwards returned the ensuing kickoff 21 yards and the Bulldogs' Lee McCrummen rushed for a first down near midfield. However, disaster struck the Kinston offense when Samson's Alto Coates scooped up a Bulldog fumble and returned the fumble to the Kinston 16-yardline. Gilmore picked up a first down before Barney McCrummen scored on a keeper around the left end, and Gilmore added the two-point conversion as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0.

The Bulldog defense badly needed a stop on the Tigers next possession, and came up with just that as Erick Odom tackled Gilmore for a loss on first down and Jonathon Edwards defended two pass attempts to bring up a fourth down and long. The swarming Bulldog defense stopped Gilmore short of the chains on the fourth down play, and Kinston's fans came to life in response to the defensive stand.

The Kinston offense was inspired by the defensive stand and came to life on its ensuing possession and marched into the

endzone. Carries by Edwards and McCrummen picked up a pair of first downs and led the Bulldogs across midfield, while Aaron Jacobs completed a pass to Robert Yates as Kinston reached the Samson 30-yardline. The running of Edwards and McCrummen, along with a couple of Samson penalties, helped the Bulldogs reach a first down and goal at the Samson 6, where Lee McCrummen squeezed through the right side of the line for a Bulldog touchdown. Brad Elmore kicked the extra-point as Kinston cut the Samson lead to 14-7 early in the second quarter.

Samson received the ensuing kickoff and continued its ground assault against the Bulldogs as Chase Gilmore and Alex Jordan combined to gain 68 yards on 7 carries, with Gilmore getting the Tiger touchdown on a 28-yard sweep around the right end. Simon Diaz booted the extra-point and the Tigers were back in charge with a 21-7 advantage.

Kinston began its next offensive series at its own 20-yardline and brought the Bulldog fans back to their feet by marching 80 yards for a touchdown. A 12-yard gain on a reverse by Anthony Weeks got the drive off to a fast start, while McCrummen added a 9-yard carry and then the Bulldogs got a little lucky as a Kinston pass was intercepted by Samson's Anthony Milligan, who fumbled after being hit, and the Bulldogs' Anthony Weeks pounced on the fumble to give the ball back to the 'Dogs at the Samson 21-yardline. Jonathon Edwards scored three plays later on a 5-yard run and with two minutes remaining in the half the Bulldogs trailed 21-13.

Samson scored late in the half on a 9-yard dash by Cole Mock, and Diaz tackled on the extra-point as the Tigers carried a 28-13 lead at intermission. Kinston's Brad Elmore received the second half kickoff and handed it off to Robert Yates for a big Bulldog return that set Kinston up at the Samson 9-yardline. It took Lee

McCrummen two carries to cross the goal line, and Elmore kicked the extra-point as Kinston pulled within 28-20 early in the third quarter.

Kinston got the ball back on a Samson punt and moved near midfield behind the running of Lee McCrummen, Robert Yates and Erick Odom, but on a crucial play in the game Kinston gambled on a fourth down and inches, and was stopped one inch short, as the Tigers regained possession.

Samson increased its lead to 35-20 on the first play of the fourth quarter on an 11-yard run by Chase Gilmore and a Diaz extra-point, and got a big break on the game's next offensive series when on fourth down the snap on a punt attempt sailed over the head of the Bulldog punter.

The Tigers began their ensuing possession inside the Kinston 30-yardline, but this time the Bulldogs refused to budge and turned back the Samson scoring threat, with the key play in the defensive stand being a 12-yard tackle for a loss by Brad Elmore.

Kinston regained possession at its own 21-yardline with only 4:20 remaining in the game and went to the air in an attempt to score quickly, but after a completion to Anthony Weeks and a short run by Lee McCrummen the Tigers picked off a Bulldog pass, cashed in the turnover on a 19-yard run by Anthony Milligan to up the Samson lead to 41-20.

Aaron Jacobs led Kinston down the field in the final minutes of the contest and had big completions to Anthony Weeks and Charlie Hercules. Jacobs connected with Weeks for the final score of the game, but it was too little, too late, as Samson posted the 41-26 win. Despite the loss, Kinston's Coach Larry Cotney saw a lot of determination in his squad and stated "They jumped on us early, but we didn't lay down. We kept fighting and I can take that."



NOT TONIGHT! A Highland Home running back finds nowhere to run against the Brantley defense. Justin Wright (3) closes in to help make the stop as teammates Scotty Abadilla (69), Andre Williams (51) and Thad Frazier (6) arrive to aid in the stop. The Bulldog defense limited the high-scoring Squadron to 186 yards in total offense in the 30-19 win.

play at the Bulldog 42-yardline. Brantley went to its ground game on its first possession of the half and put together an eight play drive covered 58 yards. The highlight of the drive was a twisting 14 yard run by Chris Booker that gave the Bulldogs a first down at the Highland Home 21-yardline, while James Pittman took over from there and had runs of 11 and 10 yards to extend the Bulldogs' lead. Marcus Owens passed to Rick Wiley for the two-point conversion and with 5:45 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 30-13.

Highland Home put together a 15 play drive that covered 53 yards on its next possession that ended at the Brantley 44-yardline, but the Flying Squadron did get back in the endzone late in the game when Arlos Harris tossed a halfback pass to Kylene Grace for a 42-yard touchdown. The extra-point failed, but it made little difference as with 19-seconds left on the clock from there and had runs of 11 and 10 yards to extend the Bulldogs' lead. Marcus Owens passed to Rick Wiley for the two-point conversion and with 5:45 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead was up to 30-13. Highland Home put together

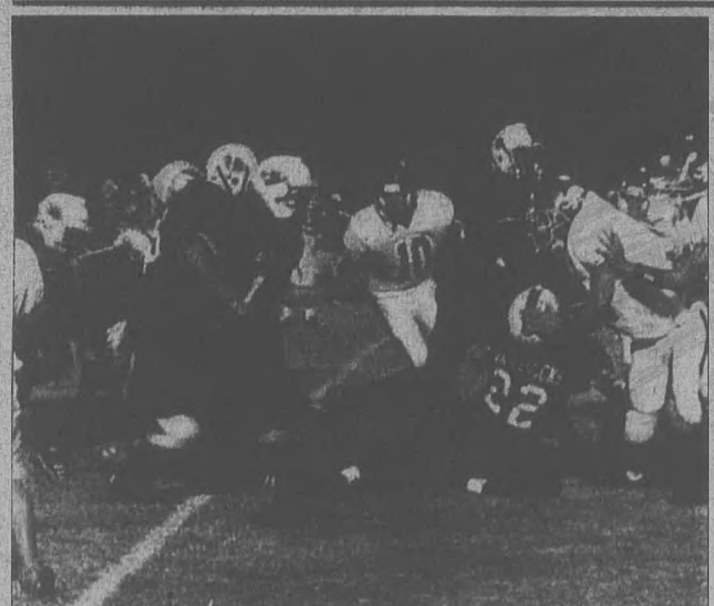
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Tyson all added big hits. Chris Booker led all runners with 158 yards on 20 carries, while James Pittman rushed for 83 yards on 12 carries, and scored three touchdowns for the third straight week.

STATISTICS

	B	HH
1st Downs	14	11
Rushes-Yds.	41-258	41-127
Passing Yds.	18	59
Turnovers	3-7	1
Total Offense	276	186
Passes	5-7-1	3-7-1
Return Yds.	122	206
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Penalties-Yds.	13-101	5-39
Punts-Avg.	2-33.0	2-23.5

Zion Chapel cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about Friday night in Montgomery as the Rebels defeated St. Jude 35-24 for their second win of the season. This week the Rebels will travel to Goshen in a region match-up.



GAMECOCK TOUCHDOWN.... The New Brockton offensive line pushes the Pleasant Home defense back across the goal line as the Gamecocks add to their lead last week in their 27-0 win over the Eagles.

Posts third straight shut-out

New Brockton blanks Pleasant Home 27-0

Statistics and Photos by Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks kept their winning streak to three games and upped their record to 4-1 on the season Friday night by blanking the Pleasant Home Eagles 27-0, at Gamecock Stadium.

"The team did a good job tonight and it was a good win," stated New Brockton's Coach Shannon Clark after the game. "We need to be one hundred percent focused next week and we have got to win two of the next three games. I am proud of the guys and I challenge them before the game and they performed well. Our defense kept pressure on their offense all night long and I just want to compliment our defense. Next week if it is close in the fourth quarter Cottonwood will be thinking on no, here we go again!"

New Brockton began its first offensive series at its own 37-yardline after an unsuccessful on-sides kick and needed only one play to get on the scoreboard as on the game's first play from scrimmage Sheridan Foster turned the corner around the left end and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt failed, but with only 19-seconds gone in the game the Gamecocks were already on top 6-0.

The Gamecocks regained possession at its own 44-yardline after a Pleasant Home punt

and once again headed toward the Eagle endzone. Derrick Cook capped off the 56-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run and also scored the two-point conversion as New Brockton upped its lead to 14-0 with 4:16 still remaining in the opening stanza.

Pleasant Home's offense continued to have its problems with the Gamecock defense on its third series of the game and after three plays netted little yardage the Eagles once again were forced to punt. The Gamecocks' Justin West broke through to block the Eagle punt and teammates David Davidson recovered the loose ball in the endzone as the Gamecocks moved on top 20-0 with only 17-seconds gone in the second quarter.

New Brockton fumbled away a scoring opportunity late in the quarter at the Pleasant Home 16-yardline, but never let the Eagles get anything going offensively and at the half the Gamecocks went in with a solid 20-0 advantage.

New Brockton kicked off to open the second half, but got the ball right back at its own 43-yardline after a Pleasant Home punt and closed out the night's scoring as the Gamecocks drove 57 yards into the Eagle endzone. The touchdown came on a 39-yard run up the middle by Sheridan Foster, and Heath Daniel kicked the extra-point as New Brockton moved ahead 27-0 with 9:47 remaining in the

third quarter. The Gamecocks threatened again late in the third quarter, but an interception in the endzone killed the scoring threat and at the final horn the Gamecocks had their third straight win and third straight shut-out as they defeated Pleasant Home 27-0.

Sheridan Foster gained 218 yards on 17 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead New Brockton, while Derrick Cook added 91 yards and one touchdown on 11 carries and Justin West gained 65 yards on 11 carries. Nathan Foster completed 2 of 6 passes for 24 yards. On defense the Gamecocks were led by Justin West with 9 tackles

and a punt block. Justin Allums with 9 tackles, Adam Crosby with 7 tackles and Ted Eubanks with 6 tackles and 2 pass interceptions.

Avery King gained 33 yards on 8 carries to lead Pleasant Home, while Bob Ballard completed 6 of 31 passes for 84 yards and suffered two interceptions.

STATISTICS

	NB	PH
1st Downs	17	9
Rushes-Yds.	43-382	17-40
Passing Yds.	24	84
Total Offense	406	124
Passes	2-6-0	6-32-3
Penalties-Yds.	10-80	9-75



New Brockton's Justin West (37) picks up an Eagle receiver at the line of scrimmage in last week's 27-0 shut-out win over Pleasant Home.

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SPORTS

Elba Junior High Tigers improve record to perfect 3-0 with identical 22-0 wins over Highland Home and New Brockton

The Elba Junior High Tigers hit the field twice in recent football action and remained undefeated with wins over Highland Home 22-0 and New Brockton 22-0 to up their record on the season to 3-0.

Following are highlights of

both wins:
ELBA 22
H. HOME 0

The Elba Junior High Tigers hosted the Highland Home Flying Squadron and rolled to an impressive 22-0 win.

The Tigers first scoring drive covered 70 yards in 10 plays and was highlighted by the running and passing of Gavin Respress. Respress gained 23 yards on 3 carries to lead Elba on the ground, while he connected with Keenan Phillips on a 35-yard pass for the Tiger touchdown. Respress also ran in the two-point conversion as Elba moved on top 8-0.

Elba's second scoring drive covered 53 yards in 6 plays and was once again highlighted by the play of quarterback Gavin Respress. Respress gained 6 yards on two carries, but completed a 40-yard pass to Dylan McCollough early in the possession to keep the drive alive and then connected with Quenton Caldwell from 7 yards out for the touchdown. Respress ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers moved on top 16-0.

Elba's third score came thanks to the defense as Trey Belcher scooped up a Highland Home fumble and rammed 35 yards for a touchdown.

Gavin Respress gained 25 yards on 7 carries and completed 6 of 17 passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns to lead Elba, while Trey Belcher added 57 yards on 5 carries, Carlos Matias added 15 yards on 5 carries and Stephen Magwood gained 12 yards on 3 carries. Dylan McCollough had 1 reception for 40 yards, while Keenan Phillips had a 35-yard touchdown reception and Quenton Caldwell had a 7-yard scoring catch.

On defense Elba was led by Carlos Matias with 7 tackles and 2 forced fumbles, while Jordan McBride had 4 tackles, Trey Belcher had 2 tackles and a fumble recovery for a touchdown, and James Morris, Dylan McCollough and Jonathan Farmer all added 2 tackles.

ELBA 22
N.B. 0

The Elba Junior High Tigers traveled to New Brockton and came home with a 22-0 win over the Gamecocks.

The Tigers first scoring drive covered 80 yards in 8 plays and was sparked by the running of Trey Belcher, Carlos Matias and Gavin Respress. Belcher gained 28 yards on 3 carries during the long scoring march, while

Matias added 16 yards on 2 carries and Respress scored the touchdown on a 30-yard scamper.

Elba's second scoring drive covered 66 yards in just 4 plays and was highlighted by the running of Gavin Respress and Carlos Matias. Respress had one carry for 14 yards, while Matias gained 56 yards on 2 carries and scored the touchdown on a 55-yard dash. Respress ran in the two-point conversion as the Tigers upped their lead to 14-0.

The final Elba score of the game came on a 69 yard drive that lasted only three plays. Gavin Respress gained 6 yards on the first play of the drive, while Trey Belcher had runs of 43 and 20 yards, with the 20-yard gain going for the score. Respress ran in the two-point conversion to give the Tigers the 22-0 win.

Trey Belcher gained 115 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Carlos Matias added 99 yards on 9 carries and scored 1 touchdown and Gavin Respress gained 60 yards on 8 carries and scored 1 touchdown.

On defense the Tigers were led by Dekembe Bullard with 8 tackles, while Griffin Cash added 5 stops and Jordan McBride, Justin McLaughlin and Carlos Matias all had 4 tackles. Andrew Head and Bradley Wilson both had 3 stops and Quenton Caldwell made 2 tackles.

Elba Tigers host Houston County Lions in "must win" region clash Friday night at Tiger Stadium

The Elba Tigers will return home to the friendly confines of Tiger Stadium Friday night and will be hoping their success on Mack Wood Field will continue when they host the Houston County Lions in a key region encounter.

The Tigers will bring a 2-3 record into the clash, 1-2 in region play, while the Lions will bring a 4-1 record into the contest and are co-leaders in the region with a perfect 3-0 slate.

Elba saw its record dip back below the .500 mark last week with a 42-39 road loss to Luverne, and surrendered over 300 yards rushing and 5 touch-



Elba Junior Tiger quarterback Gavin Respress (12) reaches back and prepares to fire a pass deep in recent junior high football action. The Tigers upped their record to 3-0 last week with a 22-0 win over New Brockton.

(Photo by Laura Bazley)

downs to Luverne tailback Fred Hawkins. If the Tigers inability to stop the run continues this week, they could once again be in trouble on the defensive side of the ball since the Lions will bring with them two of the region's top runners in Seaborn Barber and Tavon Black.

Barber, a 6-0, 190-pound, senior, ran for 1,350 yards and 17 touchdowns last season, while Black, a 6-2, 180-pound senior, added 1,090 yards and 10 touchdowns as the Lions averaged almost 30 points a game and posted a 9-3 record. Last season against Elba the Lions embarrassed the Tigers

43-6 as the two backs combined to rush for 324 yards and scored 4 touchdowns.

Houston County coach David Collins warned prior to the season it might take his team a few games to settle back in on offense, where the Lions start three freshmen in the offensive line, and that was the case early on as the Lions opened the season with a 14-0 loss to Ashford and an 8-7 overtime win over New Brockton. Such has not been the case in the past three weeks; however, as the Lions averaged over 40 points a game in rolling to wins over Samson 62-8, Wicksburg 38-8 and Abbeville 22-14.

Elba needs a win to keep its playoff hopes alive and well, and Coach Scott Rials knows his offense will have to put points on the scoreboard if the Tigers are to have a chance against the high-scoring Lions. The Tigers have averaged over 27 points a game through five games, while in the past two weeks they have hit up the scoreboard and scored 47 points in a big win over Geneva County and 39 points in a loss to Luverne.

The Tigers have been led this season on the ground by Stefaun Burks with 250 yards, 4 touchdowns on 32 carries, while Kikko Logan has added 204 yards and 3 touchdowns and LaRay Williams has gained 132 yards and 2 touchdowns. Senior quarterback Brandon Kelley has completed 57 of 107 passes, with 6 interceptions, for 970 yards and 6 touchdowns, with his favorite receivers being Mason Gully with 21 catches for 436 yards and 5 touchdowns and LaRay Williams with 14 catches for 240 yards and 2 touchdowns.

While Elba needs a win over Houston County to even its region record at 2-2 and move the Tigers up in the region standings, the Lions will also be hungry and know a win over Elba will almost assure it a berth in the playoffs. Kickoff for the region clash will be 7:00 PM.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba-Troy University Club holds membership meeting

The Elba-Troy University Club held its annual membership/tailgate kickoff meeting on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Elba Country Club.

Trojan fans, alumni and friends of the university gathered to enjoy a night of fun and fellowship and to pledge their support for the club's scholarship program. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal compliments of Kelley Foods of Elba. Hamburgers, hot-dogs, and sausage dogs, everyone's favorite, were on the menu.

Associate Athletic Director Roger Shults spoke to the group, focusing on Troy's upcoming football season as well as the university's other athletic and academic programs. The treasurer's report indicated that the club has done very well on its recent fund-raiser, the annual Rand King Memorial Golf tournament, and that the club should be able to continue funding two to four scholarships per year for local high school graduates.

The highlight of the evening came when President Kenneth Grantham announced that Mr. Jack R. Brunson had volunteered to match the club's fund-



Kenneth Grantham, Jack R. Brunson, Edna Brunson & Dale Crow

ing towards a permanent scholarship endowment. Membership dues and funds raised by the club go toward these scholarships. A family membership costs \$35 and a single membership is \$25.

Alumni and other friends of Troy University who wish to join the club may do so by contacting any of the newly elected officers: Juli Parrish - President; Neil Grantham - Vice President; Ben Terrell - Secretary; Dale Crow - Treasurer; and Angie Parrish - Scholarship Coordinator.



COINS FOR CATASTROPHE...The student body of New Brockton Elementary School worked together recently to raise funds to assist the American Red Cross in helping Hurricane Katrina victims. The students donated spare change for several days. They called the fund raiser "Coins for Catastrophe" and raised \$500. NBES principal Bob Andrews (far left) presented last Friday, Sept. 23, a \$500 check to Fred Grace, chairman of the board for the Coffee County chapter of the American Red Cross. Assisting in the presentation were several fifth grade students.

GRIDIRON PRIDE

CHAPTER 91X

by Linda M. Hodge

When Tad got up Saturday morning, he still couldn't believe the ending of the game. Had he not been there, he probably wouldn't have believed anyone else either. He kept replaying it in his mind.

The offense lined up for the two-point conversion. Eric took the snap from the center and before he could even set his feet, he was sacked by the Wakeville defender. You could feel the life drain away from every Dalton City fan at the stadium.

Then, everyone noticed the yellow flag on the field. A little bit of hope returned, and the ref confirmed their hope. It was no wonder the defender got in the backfield. The Wakeville players were flagged for being offside. The referees would get one more chance.

A few seconds later the deal was sealed. Eric completed a pass to his wide receiver in the back of the endzone, and Dalton City had finally beat Wakeville, 25-24!

"That was fun," Tad said during breakfast Saturday morning. "You know, if every game was full of that kind of excitement, no one would want to miss a game."

"That's the type game I've always wanted to describe for you," his dad responded. "I wish you were able to experience it. I wish you put me in, though. I didn't want to mess up and cost us the game. It was a big relief when the pass went the other way."

"You did a good job, son. You all did a good job and should be proud of your effort."

On Monday, the team entered practice with a new confidence. Coach Andrews quickly put them to work in an effort to show his team there still was work to be done.

"Just because we won a big game doesn't mean the season is ours for the taking," Coach said. "We still have games to win if we want to make it to post-season play. Those teams don't care that we beat Wakeville. All they care about is beating us. You've achieved one major objective, now let's focus on our next objective."

By the end of Monday's practice, the team seemed to come out of the clouds and refocus on the season. Coach Andrews had made a lot of

sense and the players knew they needed to "temporarily" forget about the Wakeville win and worry only about the upcoming games.

Forgetting about Wakeville was not easy, though, as the entire town of Dalton City seemed to jump back on the Ambassador wagon following the impressive win. For the first time in a long time, it seemed people were really excited about football in Dalton City.

Some encouragement began going up and down the school diners and coffee shops were abuzz with positive talk of Ambassador football. However, there still remained a few who wondered if the big win was just a fluke.

"Well, I haven't seen that type intensity from one of our teams in years," another man said. "I've got a feeling we'll be seeing post-season play this year. And, if not, at least this group of boys has shown us a desire to be winners. It's been a long time since I've really felt like we've had a team that wanted to win."

"Hey, maybe Coach Andrews is worth the money we pay him after all," another chimed in. "Tad and Eric just listened and said nothing. They knew there would still be some skeptics, but it was the first time all year they actually heard some people taking up for the team and expressing confidence in their abilities."

"We might make believers out of people yet," Eric joked as the boys left the diner. "If we get a few more wins under our belt, they might even believe we can make some noise in the post season."

Tad agreed. "If we keep it going, there's no telling what will happen."

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COMMUNITY NEWS



SPRIT OF ELBA...Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham (right) was presented the "Sprit of Elba" award last Thursday evening, Sept. 22, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The award was presented to Grantham by Destiny Hudson, 2005 chamber board president.



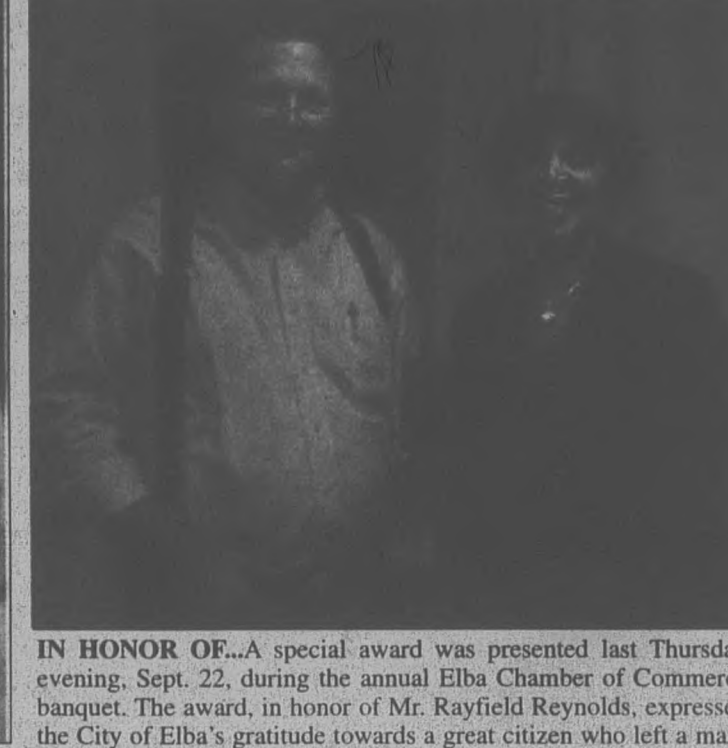
BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...Southwest Pharmaceuticals Inc. received the "Business of the Year" award last Thursday evening, Sept. 22, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The company was started in the early 1990s by Elba native John Holley. It has continued to grow and expand during the years making the company a deserving recipient of this award, according to Elba Chamber of Commerce executive director Kaye Whitworth. Above, Holley accepts the award from Elba Mayor James Grimes.



BOARD MEMBERS OF YEAR...Laurie Chapman (right) was presented the "Board Member of the Year" award last Thursday evening, Sept. 22, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The award was presented to Chapman by Destiny Hudson, 2005 chamber board president.



CHAMBER MEMBER OF YEAR...Edsco Fastners Inc. received the "Chamber Member of the Year" award last Thursday evening, Sept. 22, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The award was presented to Daniel Stephens, owner, by Destiny Hudson, 2005 chamber board president.



IN HONOR OF...A special award was presented last Thursday evening, Sept. 22, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The award, in honor of Mr. Rayfield Reynolds, expressed the City of Elba's gratitude towards a great citizen who left a mark on many lives. Mr. Reynolds died May 11th of this year at the age of 92. He is well known for his cabinet shop in which many pieces of furniture were made. Reynolds also is remembered for his dedication to the young people of Elba. The award was presented by Eddie Vaughan to Mr. Reynolds' daughter.

Homecoming Parade participants wanted

Everyone is urged to participate in Elba High School's annual homecoming parade. This year's parade will be Friday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. Awards will be given in the following categories:

I. ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ENTRIES - This category includes any class and club floats - excluding the queen's float, which will not be judged.

II. ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENTRIES - This category includes any class or club entry associated with Elba Elementary School.

III. ALL OTHER ENTRIES - This category includes any club or organization not sponsored by Elba High School such as scout troops, study clubs, and city league football teams and cheerleaders. Only entries listed in the official line-up will be in competition. Call Elba High School at 897-2266 for further information, or to submit a parade entry. The deadline for entering is 12 noon, Thursday, Oct. 13. Parade participants should meet behind the old high school. Everyone should lineup between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

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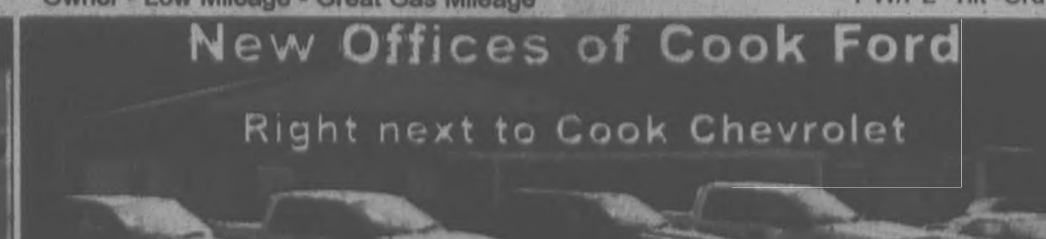
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